

Judicial Education Committee

Friday, January 20, 2006

Conference Room 1373

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

1. **Committee members present:** Earl Penrod (chair), Chris Burnham, Jane Spencer Craney, Barbara Collins, Darrin Dolehanty, Bob Freese, Barbara Arnold Harcourt, John Rader, Ted Todd, Jim Williams, and Mike Witte.
2. **Staff present:** Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, and Anne Jordan.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the October meeting were approved as submitted.
4. **Review of Winter program:** The committee discussed the Winter conference and reviewed the evaluations which were very positive. The winter storm affected participant attendance and one faculty member. Staff reported a total of 122 judicial officers attended the conference, out of the 230 who were pre-registered. The Center was pleased at the turn out in spite of the inclement weather. One faculty member presented via speaker phone, which was well received.
5. **Judicial Officer Orientation:** The Orientation Program for Recently Appointed Judicial Officers will be held February 1-3. Staff reported there are 24 new judicial officers registered for the program: 14 trial judges and 10 magistrates/full-time commissioners.
 - a. A copy of the proposed Supreme Court Rule was handed out, which was written using language from the original order mandating attendance at orientation. The committee agreed there was some confusion as to whether the rule would apply to sitting judges going through elections in 2006. The suggestion was made to add the word “first” or “newly” when describing the judges ‘elected or appointed to the bench after January 1, 2006’.
 - b. New Judicial Officer Handbook. An informal subcommittee of Darrin Dolehanty, John Rader, Anne and Vicki met prior to the meeting. This group intends to develop a handbook by the pre-bench orientation in December that could serve as a reference guide to the resources available to judges. The handbook will address various administrative matters. A suggestion was made to poll the February orientation class for a list of subjects/topics that should be included in the handbook.
6. **20 Years of CLE Symposium:** The CLE Commission is sponsoring this program in Valparaiso on March 16-17. A tentative agenda was handed out. Registration will be sent at the end of January.
7. **Upcoming conferences:**
 - a. Spring Judicial College. A list of courses was handed out. The immigration topic was discussed and suggestions for faculty were provided. In response to a question about ethics hours, staff reported that some ethics hours would be available for certain courses. There was discussion about including an early bird ethics session in April, if possible.
 - b. Annual Meeting of Juvenile Court Judicial Officers: June 22-23 in Bloomington.
 - c. Annual Meeting of Judicial Conference: September 13-15 in South Bend. Staff reported plans to recognize judicial officers who have been on the bench for 25 years or more. The

committee discussed whether the recognition plans would include senior judges who served 25 years or longer prior to retiring. The Judicial Center will send a survey to recipients asking them to report the most memorable and/or funniest thing that ever happened to them on the bench, which will tie in with the recognition ceremony.

- d. Traffic Court Technology conference/City and Town Annual Meeting: Tentatively set for October 12-13. The Center anticipates 130 conferees split between 65 City and Town Court judges and 65 trial court judges. The Center has applied for a federal grant from the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving to sponsor the program developed by the ABA's Judicial Division's National Conference of Specialized Court Judges.
 - e. Pre-bench orientation for New Judges: Pre-bench is scheduled for December 6-7. Staff reported there are approximately 100 judges sitting for election in 2006.
 - f. Winter conference: The 2006 Winter program is scheduled for December 8. Suggested topics include domestic violence, substance abuse, disaster preparedness, or evidence.
 - g. Faculty development. It was generally agreed we need to offer faculty development courses, either as a separate 2-day conference, or added as a course selection during an existing conference.
8. **Judicial Education Curriculum Grid:** The 2005 Judicial Education Curriculum Grid was handed out.
9. **Additional items:** Ted Todd raised the issue of developing a process to approve the writing requirement for the Master's Certificate Program. He reported that 2 requests have been received to date. A proposed "Request for Project Approval" was handed out. It was decided that a committee of 3 judges plus one staff would serve as the review committee. The review committee would then report back to the full committee for a project approval vote.
10. **Next meeting date:** Friday, March 24, 2006, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Jordan
Program Attorney